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# El Hispano Americano PROPER FOR WALLS

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Size of Rooms to Be Decorated Is One of the Most Important of Considerations - Background for Pictures.

Great care should be taken in choosing wall paper. A large room needs a larger design than a small one, and the latter may frequently be made to look large simply by the choice of paper. Color, too, is important. It is hardly wise to purchase paper in the shop; but samples should be placed on the walls in the room where they are to be used, with every effect of light. Green, dark red, and rich brown are safe colors to choose. The library demands something quiet and restful, and the same is true of a sittingroom or a bedroom in constant use. If the room to be papered has many pictures, the wall paper must be such as to form a good background. Plain or two-toned papers are excellent for such rooms. For rooms like the nursery, one can buy specially designed papers, such as Dutch and Kate Greenway figures, Noah's ark, rollicking children, etc. For bedroom, trellis and flower designs are charming.

American wall papers are often more realistic than those of foreign manufacture, and the best designs originate in our art schools. Papers are of two sorts, the machine and the hand-printed. The former are stamped with the design by direct printing on the paper as it rolls out from the machine. The hand-printed designs are applied by blocks, hand-manipulated, and some of the best designs are for the first season printed in this way, and a year or two later brought out by the machine process. Flock papers are those in which a velvety effect is produced by using powdered wool or silk. If plaster walls have become cracked, it is a good plan to cover them with something stronger than ordinary paper, and various kinds of burlap can be chosen for this pur-

In the old-fashioned days, wall paper came in rolls 20 inches wide, instead of 18 inches, as at present. Borders were not made to match the designs in the wall paper, so the customer selected the decoration he wanted for his wall, and then took the border that looked best with it. Borders with glit background were in general favor. English wall paper came in rolls of 18 yards; then the length of a roll was reduced to sixteen, until now some do not contain more than 13 yards. It is said that an early manufacturer of wall paper paid his color mixer \$60,000 a year, and an assistant \$15,000. When wall paper was made by hand, the borders sold as high as \$3.50 a single roll, or \$7 a dou-

To Renew an Old Chest.

To clean and brighten an old dusty chest get half a pint of beer and heat until it is 98 degrees. With rather a stiff brush go over all the carved parts and get out as much dust as you can; then brush over with hot beer; when thoroughly dry, polish with beeswax and turpentine, using a brush, for the carved parts. The kind of brush that is usually sold as a shoe brush does very well, and if washed afterward can be used for many things.

Small Girl's Hair.

To dress the hair of the baby girl who is not blessed with curly locks, take a piece of ribbon just long enough to reach across top of head from ear to ear, fasten to each end a bow or rosette and a narrow elastic to fit snugly around the head beneath the hair. Brush the hair back or part in middle or on side. Place the ribbon on the head, a rosette above each ear. This will keep the hair in place and GO TO

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